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Column One By David Courtney

RUSSIA has replied to the British, French and American notes on the proposed Four Power talks. A further exchange of notes is likely and we may have to wait some time before the decision to hold, or not to hold, the conference is made known. The French and British Governments are cautiously optimistic. They have a calmer public opinion behind them than Washington has. The absence of any foreign policy bi-partisanship in Paris, and of formal bi-partisanship in London, would seem to work out better for the British and French Governments than the agreed system of Party co-operation works out in America, where, at this critical stage in international affairs Republican senators are barring no means to discredit the Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, and if possible get rid of him. In this fact may be found the real motive for Washington's pessimism about the Russian reply to the Western Powers' notes.

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THE concerted demand of the Western allies for an extension of the proposed Four-Power agenda beyond the Prague recommendations, which confined themselves to Germany, was sensible enough. If the Russians have gone still further, and have asked for the inclusion of the Far East, that, too, would seem to be sensible enough. With MacArthur hinting at the re-arming of Japan, and clinging tenaciously to his Formosan ambitions, the Russians have been encouraged to seek assurances in that question very like those they are asking of the German problem. Germany, we may be sure, remains the chief preoccupation of the Soviet and will prove to be the main difficulty in any Four-Power talks that may be held. On that subject the Western co-signatories to the Yalta Conference Communique may feel some embarrassment; for the Communique read: "It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism...break up for all time the German General Staff."

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IT is the French Government's view that the Russian stand on the re-armament of Germany is at least theoretically sound, and that unless an agreement on this subject can be reached between the Yalta and Potsdam Powers, and to some extent in accordance with the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet Treaties of Friendship, no agreement on any other of the issues at conflict will lead to any basic improvement in international relations. France, therefore, will seek by every means to postpone the final decision on German re-armament; and it is already becoming clear that French acceptance of the Brussels proposals was given in the belief that there would be occasion to defer their performance.

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WHAT the Soviet will have to say on German re-armament is already known, and was set out fully in the text of the Soviet notes to Britain and France issued on December 17. It points out that the Chiefs of the General Staffs of the North Atlantic Alliance "proceed from the basis that, in the beginning, the West German army will comprise one-fifth of all the armed forces of the North Atlantic grouping of Powers, which opens the door for a predominant place in the future of the West German army among the armed forces of the West European Powers." It asserts that the plans include the restoration of the German war industry and of the German General Staff, and adds that Dr. Adenauer is in a hurry to get the matter settled before the proposed meeting of the four Powers. The notes then claim that all this is in manifest contradiction to the Yalta Agreement, the Potsdam Agreement, the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Collaboration and Mutual Assistance, and the similar Treaty between the Soviet and France; and it quotes Article 7 of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty: "Each High Contracting Party undertakes not to conclude any alliance and not to take part in any coalition directed against the other High Contracting Party."

Tel Aviv, January 3.

Israel Can Keep Clear of War

By Moshe Brilliant, Our Parliamentary Correspondent

Premier David Ben Gurion told a tense and crowded Knesset yesterday that a totally mobilized Israel could maintain its independence if there is a global war. By international standards, the Prime Minister acknowledged, Israel was an infinitesimal force; but a power involved in a global military struggle would be wise to consider carefully before attacking Israel and provoking its resistance. Israel's strength was now at least double what it had been in the War of Independence.

The occasion for the statement was the introduction of the Civil Defence Bill, which provides for A.R.P. measures and blackouts, the construction of shelters and anti-splinter protection.

The introduction of the legislation at this time had nothing to do with the gathering war-clouds, as the bill merely replaces similar legislation inherited from the British. (Details of this Bill are given on P.2). But Mr. Ben Gurion took the opportunity to discuss the international situation and he tacitly refuted recent reports that Israel was deviating from its policy of non- identification.

"Aside from the Great Powers, their satellites and puppets, there is a big world with many free peoples, as far as it is possible to be free in a world of mutual reliance," Mr. Ben Gurion said. "There are nations not subject to any side who decide their attitude in each case on the basis of what is good or bad for the world, or what is good or bad for themselves. These nations want with all their hearts to maintain peace, and the desire of these nations constitutes an important factor in international affairs, which cannot be ignored.

"Israel is one of these nations," he said.

War Not Inevitable

Mr. Ben Gurion did not think that a new world war was inevitable. He said that in fact all nations wanted peace and the tragedy was that peace-loving countries were being driven into an armaments race.

"There are some naive people who think that one side should arm from head to toe while the other should rely upon their protestations of peace," the Prime Minister went on. "It is assumed that the protestations of peaceful intentions are sincere but they are not convincing when they are made from within a forest of bayonets."

Mr. Ben Gurion therefore felt that although war was not inevitable, Israel must be ready

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Jewish People's Fate Linked with Israel's

The fate of the Jewish people and perhaps every individual Jew depended upon the existence and independence of Israel, Mr. Ben Gurion said.

"Had the State of Israel existed before 1939, the disaster would not have befallen European Jewry," he declared.

"The danger of a war to Israel is a threat to every man and woman in Israel, to each and every Jew in the world, and the security of the State of Israel depends upon the attitude and efforts of all the inhabitants of the State and the Jewish nation."

Civil Defence Bill to Committee

The Civilian Defence Bill introduced in the House by the Prime Minister last night was passed to Committee by an almost unanimous vote. Mr. Ben Gurion earlier answered a series of questions put to him by members during a three-hour debate on the law in which it was favourably received, in principle, by most of the speakers.

Mr. I. Ben Aharon (Mapam) asked for considerable extension of the law. Arguing that the Civil Defence Organization (Haga) proposed by the Government and made up of volunteers and reservists could not provide security for the entire population, he asked that all men under 60 should be drafted for this purpose.

He further proposed that the force be built around existing civilian organizations rather than a military staff. He gave as a model the British all-out civilian war effort.

Mr. Izhar Smilansky (Mapai), pointed out the inability of the Army to cover all places and areas of on-the-spot defence, and advocated establishment of a completely independent civil defence corps. "Our defence organization must not be limited to putting out fires," he said. "The bill does not exhaust the possibilities of civil defence."

Mr. Ben Gurion stated that three factors made acceptance of Mr. Ben Aharon's proposals impractical: The relative lack of discipline in Israel's population, the impossibility of withdrawing all men from production even in war time, and, as regards the leadership of the defence corps, the need for a strong, decisive and experienced hand in times of stress. Only a trained military man could provide this, he said.

Turning to the criticisms of the proposals, Mr. Ben Gurion addressed Messrs. M. Ben Ami (Sephardim), I. Rokach (General Zionists), and R. Mossar (Mizrahi), all of whom objected to the placing of the major burden of building air-raid shelters on landlords and of the the over-all costs (estimated initially at IL.1m.) on the municipalities, and asked: "If you recognize the vital need for air-raid shelters as part of one's home, who is to provide this if not the landlord. Does a house owner tell his tenant to build a roof when it leaks?" As regards the municipalities, he said, "Who is to bear the expense? The State? And what is the State, if not its citizens?"

To Mr. Mikunis (Communist), who had claimed that the Bill was only part of an attempt to stir up war hysteria and foil the true powers of peace in the world, Mr. Ben Gurion, his face red with anger, said:

"I not only spoke and speak for peace, but will act for peace wherever I can. I spoke for peace during war... I will not hesitate to do so now... But I have never heard of peace at ANY PRICE."

J'lem Mayoralty Still Undecided

No meeting of the Jerusalem Municipal Council was held yesterday and there was no indication that one would be held today to elect a mayor.

Asked last night as to when the next meeting would be held, the Mayor, Mr. Daniel Auster, said: "I have not decided."

It is reported that representatives of the five-party, right-list coalition, which holds 12 of the 21 Council seats and which supports Mr. S. Z. Shragai (Religious Bloc) for the mayoralty, will visit the Mayor to request that he call a Council meeting today. If he refuses, the coalition will file a petition for an order nisi in the High Court, calling upon Mr. Auster to show cause why a meeting should not be held, according to the report.

General Zionist sources claimed that the delay had been "planned by the opposition groups in the hope that the coalition would break up." They said that there was "no danger" of this.

Ben Ami Re-Elected In Nathanya

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. O. Ben Ami was re-elected Mayor of Nathanya at the meeting of the new Municipal Council tonight. He received eight out of the 15 votes, being supported by the three General Zionists, three Herut and two Hapoel Hamizrahi members, one of whom belongs to the Lamifne group.

Meanwhile, back-stage negotiations regarding the election of the new Petah Tikva mayor continued throughout today without results. The council meeting was therefore postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Meir Melamed (Histadrut), was yesterday re-elected mayor of Ramle by the votes of the five Histadrut, one General Zionist and one Religious Bloc representatives. The six who opposed his election were Mapam (3), Herut (2) and Communists (1).

Gov't Will Not Ask Knesset Legislation on Wage Freeze

The Prime Minister told the House yesterday that the Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr. Ya'acov Geri, had expressed his personal opinion on Monday when he said he wished to seek legislation to freeze wages unless organized labour agreed to do so voluntarily.

On behalf of the Mapai faction in the Knesset, Mr. Akiva Guvrin also said that he opposed such legislation, which conflicted with the policy of the Histadrut.

The statements were made after Mapam members pressed for a debate on Mr. Geri's statement. As Mapai members stressed that Mr. Geri's remarks were not a Government statement, Dr. Moshe Sneh (Mapam) claimed that Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan had confirmed it during the debate.

The Mapam motion for a debate was defeated by the votes of the Coalition majority.

The House later adopted another motion by Mr. Guvrin, this time on behalf of the Coalition, taking note of the Government's statement of fiscal and economic policy, which had been incorporated into the new Government programme. The vote was 80 to 21. Mr. D.Z. Pinkas (Orthodox) joined the Opposition and Mr. Moshe Ben Ami (Sephardim) and Mr. M.D. Lovinstein (Orthodox) abstained.

The House defeated a no-confidence motion introduced by Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communists), a motion by Mr. Beri Repetur (Mapam), rejecting the Government's policy, and a resolution by Mr. D.Z. Pinkas (Orthodox), calling upon the Government to draft bills or a programme covering economic planning for Knesset action.

A motion by Mr. Shmuel Lavie (Mapai) comprising a wide range of economic proposals which had arisen in the debate, and a suggestion by Mr. Seharia Gluska (Yemenite), that a Knesset delegation should visit Kvah Ha'asrin to see how many buildings there served political parties, were both referred to committees.

Declarations by Mr. P. Bernstein (General Zionists) and Mr. Arieh Ben Eliezer (Herut) criticising the Government policy were also heard but were not put to the vote.

U.N. Group May Ask Sanctions Against China

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday (UP).—The U.N. Political Committee has been summoned to meet tomorrow morning to consider the next step to be taken in the world organization's peace effort in the Far East.

The U.S. was working on proposals for "get tough" action short of military operations against Communist Chinese territory. An American spokesman observed the Communist drive on Seoul may "blow" the Asian cease-fire plan "out of the window."

The group held last-minute New Year's Day consultations with the Americans and Russians. The Soviet attitude was not reported.

The Political Committee has three points to consider—Chinese intervention in Korea, the complaint of American "aggression" against Communist China, and the question of Formosa.

An American spokesman said the U.S. may request a quick meeting of the U.N. General Assembly to enact more drastic measures against the Peking government.

Possibilities included an economic boycott by all U.N. members of Communist China and diplomatic sanctions against Mao Tse Tung's regime. Military action against Mao's territory was ruled out for the present, however.

Meanwhile, the three-man cease fire committee was meeting today to draw up its final report on a series of fruitless attempts to end the fighting.

Russia Will Talk with West If German Issue Given Priority

Chinese Spearhead 19 kms. From Seoul

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — U.N. troops dug in a new defence line north of Seoul, prepared tonight for what might be the fiercest battle of the Korean war.

The 8th Army had today completely abandoned the Imjin River defence line some 50 kms. above the Southern capital, the collapse of the First South Korean Division making their position untenable.

Chinese patrols, spearheading the 200,000 strong Communist onslaught, were reported within 19 kms. of Seoul, just outside shell-torn Wijongbu.

U.N. troops were said to have fallen back through the town—30 kms. below the 38th Parallel.

Military sources here predicted that there might be a several days' lull all along the western front while the Communists brought sufficient men and equipment in across the Imjin River.

A second Communist column moving on deserted Seoul from the northeast was said to have swept through Kapyong, 55 kms. from the city.

Scorched Earth

Retreating U.N. troops left scorched earth behind them, burning every house and all supplies and equipment. They even knocked down the walls of houses and gardens which might afford cover.

The salient driven into the U.N. lines along the Yangchon-Wijongbu corridor to Seoul was filled with the smoke and roar of battle as planes and artillery hammered the massed invading forces.

The situation on the eastern sector of the front remained confused tonight with no clear indication of the depth of Communist penetrations.

U.N. troops were reported to be falling back in the Chunchon area some 16 kms. below the border and warplanes were over the area in force, indicating that the position of 8th Army forces there is serious.

The First Communist armour since the offensive began on New Year's Eve was reported by pilots who destroyed two tanks.

An 8th Army spokesman described the situation at both ends of the front as "serious but not critical."

General MacArthur stated that "an additional threat" faced the U.N. forces following indications that the great Chinese forces released by the evacuation of Hungnam, in the northeast had now moved to the central front.

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — **Russia tonight announced her willingness to prepare for a Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting on the condition that the German problem be given paramount consideration.**

The Kremlin, in a broadcast by Moscow radio heard in London by a Soviet monitor, denied that East Germany was being rearmed and attacked Western plans to include West German troops in an Atlantic defence force.

The Russian note was addressed to France. The broadcast said identical notes were sent to Washington and London.

Whether a Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting will be held hinges on what scope such a conference should have. The West wants a world-wide review of East-West differences. Moscow has sought to limit the discussion to Germany.

Intentions Unclear

The Russian note made public tonight is not clear on whether there is any hope that the Kremlin will decide to make any concessions on this point. It said that if a meeting is held, it must take place either in Moscow, London, or Paris, and not in New York or Lake Success.

After denouncing the policies of the three Western Powers in connection with the rearmament of Western Germany, the note stated:

"There is no necessity to prove that such actions by the Governments of France, the U.S. and Great Britain are in obvious contradiction to the obligations assumed by these governments in respect to the necessity of carrying out the demilitarization of Germany, and cannot but also create serious difficulties in the solution of all problems which have to be discussed by the Council of Foreign Ministers, the convening of which is being for some reason delayed indefinitely."

'Not Purely Propaganda'

At first glance this might appear to mean that Russia might consent to talks of world problems if the German problem were discussed first and she received some assurances on West German rearmament.

Informed British sources said the British Government believes the Russian note is "not purely propagandist."

The British believe that the Soviet note has certain positive aspects. The informants cited Russia's acceptance of the idea of a meeting of deputies to work out an agenda. This in itself leaves the road open for an ultimate meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

The source said some of the phraseology in the Soviet note could be interpreted to mean that Russia might be willing to discuss problems beyond the German question. They concede, however, that the wording of the note could be given a different interpretation.

British Hopeful

On the whole British informants were hopeful.

This optimism was not shared in Washington. American officials who had seen the Russian message said it was hedged with restrictions the U.S. could not accept.

The State Department said the U.S., Britain and France will start consultations "very soon" on a reply to Russia's proposal.

McCloy Bargains With Adenauer

BONN, Tuesday (UP). — Discussion on German rearmament began today here between Mr. John McCloy, the U.S. High Commissioner, and Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor.

Observers believe that the talks, which are being conducted without French or British participation, concern the granting of new powers to the Bonn government in return for German participation in the European defence forces. The bargaining is expected to take some time.

Pleven to Leave For U.S. Next Week

PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — Official sources confirmed reports today that French Premier Rene Pleven would fly to Washington to confer with President Truman probably next week.

The sources said M. Pleven wants to discuss: firstly, the organization of Atlantic Pact defences with U.S. aid in manpower and arms; secondly, West German rearmament; thirdly the effects of the rearmament drive on Western Europe's economy; fourthly, the Far Eastern situation, especially the possibility of more American aid to Indo-China.

USSR 'Definitely' Has Atom Bomb

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (AP) —Mr. Gordon Dean, chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, flatly told a press conference here today that Russia has the atom bomb.

Although President Truman announced in September, 1949, that there had been an atomic explosion in Russia, he did not specifically say that it was an atom bomb that had exploded. The question was raised again recently by Senator Owen Brewster (Republican, Maine), who said there are grave doubts whether Russia has the bomb.

Greater Freedom

Mr. Dean said the A.E.C. will probably ask Congress within the next two months to revise the law and allow greater freedom in exchanging atomic information and material with Britain and Canada.

He added the programme to produce an atomic engine to propel a submarine or ship, at present under way at the A.E.C. plant in Idaho, will be speeded up.

Mao Troops Occupy Forts in Indo-China

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (AP). — Chinese troops have occupied two frontier outposts, Langson and Caobang, which were evacuated by Vietnamese two months ago, Doctor Nguyen Duy Thanh, leader of the Vietnamese information mission to India, said here today.

He told a press conference Ho Chi Minh's success in Indo-China is a danger to India and appealed to India to recognize Bao Dai's government.

Gift of Rice

He announced that the government of India today accepted Indo-China's gift of 100 tons of rice and is negotiating the purchase of 30,000 tons of Siamese rice in return for jute.

(In Paris, the French government has received no "official information" on reports that Chinese Communist troops have occupied frontier posts in Indo-China.)

U.K. Puts Forces Under Eisenhower

LONDON, Tuesday (AFP). — Britain has announced that all her forces stationed in Europe will be placed under the command of General Eisenhower as soon as he assumes his duties as C.-in-C. Atlantic Pact forces. The announcement came in an official communique from the Minister of Defence, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, to the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. P. Van Zeeland, who is president of the Atlantic Pact Organization.

British forces in Europe consist of two divisions in Germany, soon to be reinforced by a third, one infantry brigade in Austria and two battalions in Trieste.

Troops for Mid-East on Agenda Of Commonwealth Conference

LONDON, Tuesday. — Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are likely to be asked to speed plans for sending forces to the Middle East in the event of war, it was learned here today from a usually reliable source.

This is one of several defence questions expected to be brought up at the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers which opens her on Thursday. South Africa has already promised a substantial contribution to the defence of this area in a war.

Plans are based at the moment on the assumption that Britain will be able to feel her way towards a better understanding with Egypt and that Commonwealth troops will be based there in the event of emergency.

Britain would also like to see Australia and New Zealand to take over some of her commitments in Malaya and Hong-Kong. But proposals in this direction are not as far advanced as Middle East plans.

Reply to Russia

Russia's latest note to the Western Powers on the subject of four-power talks will be discussed by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers. The subject will presumably be raised at the Conference under the heads dealing with British commitments in Europe and her policy towards the Soviet Union.

Another point of vital interest to the whole Commonwealth is whether Far Eastern subject should be included in talks with Russia.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, is expected to urge at the London talks that recognition of the Peking government and admission of its representatives to the U.N. is an essential key to the solution of the international crisis.

Kashmir Trouble

Liaquat Ali held up his departure by air from Karachi to London on Saturday, pending an exchange of notes with Britain.

Observers in Karachi believe that Pakistan may prefer to abstain from a conference which is going to discuss an issue on which Pakistan does not see eye to eye with Mr. Attlee and Shri Nehru.

It is thought in Karachi that if Britain considers the question of joint defence or any other joint plan important, they would attempt to settle the Kashmir issue first. That is the only gain Pakistan could expect from a boycott.

British sources claim that Liaquat's absence would not prevent the Conference from proceeding "according to plan." Some quarters suggest that Pakistan may be represented by its Commissioner in London but Pakistani sources doubted this.

There have been increasing signs of Pakistan seeking friends within the Moslem world. Pakistan sources have asserted that she would leave the Commonwealth if Britain does not accede to Egypt's demands for abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

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Social & Personal

Dr. Leo Kohn, Political Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, returned to Israel yesterday from Lake Success, where he had attended the General Assembly sessions as a member of the Israel delegation. He was received at Lydda Airport by Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Ministry.

Dr. H. Gruenbaum, Director of the Investment Centre of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, left Lydda Airport by Sabena plane for Brussels yesterday. He is to discuss details of the recent Belgian loan to Israel.

Rabbi Asher Gargi, Chief Rabbi of Afghanistan and leading figure in the Afghanistan Community in Israel, were received by Mr. Itzhak Raphael, Head of the Jewish Agency Rehabilitation Department. Rabbi Gargi, who arrived in Israel via Persia recently, thanked Mr. Raphael for the Department's aid to Afghanistan's Jewry.

Mr. Tuvia Arazi, Counsellor at the Israel Legation to Turkey, arrived by air yesterday.

Mr. Meir Margalit has been appointed Secretary General of the Ministry of Communications. He was formerly Deputy Director of the Finance Division of the Ministry of Supply and Rationing.

Mr. Z. Suzayeff was elected President of the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Mr. A. Cahane was elected Vice-President, Mr. B. Shelnson, member of the Board, and Mr. E.L. Rabinowitz, treasurer.

Mr. Michael Straus, of the U.S. Department of the Interior, is visiting Israel on a four-day private visit. He is en route to India on an official assignment.

Mr. Emrys Hughes, British member of Parliament, and Mrs. Hughes, have arrived in Israel on a two-week visit. Yesterday they visited the Tel Aviv Labour Council, and will today inspect Kupat Holim institutions.

Mr. Ian Mikardo, M.P., has met Haifa personalities and visited industrial enterprises in the Haifa area during the past two days. Mr. Mikardo will talk on "Social and Economic Achievements in Britain" at the Haifa Rotary Club luncheon meeting today. He is also to speak on "The Silent Revolution in Britain" at the Vocal Newspaper at the Mograbi Hall in Tel Aviv on Friday night.

Mr. Richard Crossman will be the guest speaker at tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Speakers at the Journalists Association's Vocal Newspaper at the Mograbi Hall in Tel Aviv on Friday night will be Mr. Ian Mikardo, M.P., on "The Silent Revolution in Britain," and Dr. A. Karlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv," on "Deutschland ueber alles."

BIRTHS

KORNGOLD — To Elfriede (nee Caim), wife of Mr. Zvi (Henry) Korngold, on Tuesday, January 2, 1951, at the Shaarei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem — a daughter, Anne Ruth.

LEVIN, — To Yocheved, (nee Ashkenazi), wife of Dr. Stanley Levin, at Government Hospital, Haifa, on Monday, January 1, 1951, — a daughter.

SAMETMAN — To Sabina (nee Klausner), wife of Mr. Mordechai Sametman, on Monday, January 1, 1951, at the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem — a son.

MARRIAGE

SHAROIL — HOESLER

The marriage took place in Tel Aviv yesterday of Sapen Mishael Sharoil of the Army Public Relations Unit, and Ruth Dvora Hoesler, of the Immigration Office, Tel Aviv. Rav Dr. Isaac M. Sharfman officiated.

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as Mephistopheles, Miss [illegible] as Marguerite, [illegible] as Faust, Ruth Rosolio as Siebel, Eliezer Rosolio as Valentin, [illegible] as Wagner.
Tickets at Beth Haam, Allenby Rd. Tel. Aviv: Habimah Box Office.

At the Cinema

"MERRY Boys," alias "Jazz Comedy" (Zion, Jerusalem), Alexandrov's Soviet musical of 1934, is a highly welcome revival. The uncommonly funny film, which made movie history in its time, tells about a young Crimean shepherd (Leonid Utesov) with musical gifts. When he goes to a nearby spa to meet the famous composer, Frashini, the beautiful daughter of a rich householder (Maria Strelkova) sets off a comedy of errors by mistaking him for the maestro and inviting him to her father's villa. As he plays his pipes of Pan, his herd breaks into the house, and causes an indescribable uproar among the guests. The scene is comparable with Chaplin's best.

Only the chambermaid, Anuita (Lubo Orlova, Soviet Russia's greatest musical comedy star) has pity on the lad. Later, as the result of another case of mistaken identity, the shepherd boy gives a side-splitting performance as conductor of Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody at the Moscow Opera House. As the climax, Kosta and Anuita (who becomes a singer in the meantime) conduct a phenomenal jazz orchestra in a splendid revue, rather Hollywood in tone, but tempered by parodistic digressions. Dunayevsky's score, a blend of syncopated Russian folk melodies, is excellent. The marching-song theme has become world famous. The film, which was rewarded first prize at the Biennale in Venice in its time, is a laugh, a lift, and — alive!

FRANGO

Blueprint Civil Defence Plan

The Civil Defence Bill introduced by the Prime Minister last night will replace the four Emergency Regulations inherited from the Mandatory Government which empower the Government to order blackouts, anti-splinter and civil defence measures and provide air-raid shelters.

The Civil Defence organization "Haga" embodied in the bill would be headed by an army officer appointed by the Minister of Defence and consist of army reservists and volunteers. A national command of five government officials and three representatives from the large towns would act as an advisory body in such matters as drafting the annual budget, two-thirds of which would be covered by local authorities, the balance by the Government.

Regional bodies comprising from three to five representatives of local authorities and a Ministry of Interior official would serve to link "Haga" and the local authorities.

"Haga" members would be empowered to use force in certain cases and to enter private property to enforce civil defence regulations. Compensation for casualties would be the same as for soldiers in the armed forces. The bill provides that:

There would be two types of public air raid shelters:

Miklat, (shelter), public structures specially provided by the local authorities;

Michsch, (cover) private structures such as theatre foyers and basements which would continue to serve their normal functions but would be opened to the public during "alerts."

Private shelters must be provided by landlords in or near their houses, according to the bill. Businesses which employ ten people or where at least 20 people are likely to gather, must also provide special shelters. Plans for new buildings would not be approved unless they provide for shelters.

Local authorities would be permitted to designate parts of existing buildings for shelters. If necessary, occupants may be required to move, but alternative accommodation would be provided. Landlords would be compensated for losses of rent.

Tenants of premises designated as shelters may move if they feel their use of the premises is impaired.

Tenants to Pay

Tenants of houses built before July 1, 1945, must defray 75 per cent of the cost of shelters and those in newer houses 50 per cent, the draft provides, and the tenants will pay in proportion to the number of rooms they occupy.

Local authorities must, on orders of the Defence Minister and with the consent of the Minister of Interior, supply personnel, lands, equipment, transport, fire extinguishing apparatus and other materials, during "alerts" or drills. It is further provided, that organizations such as Fire Brigades, Magen David Adom and transport companies may be designated by the Defence Minister as organizations whose support is needed for civilian defence. Their members would thereupon be trained by "Haga" and mobilized for manoeuvres and operations. Enterprises where more than 20 people are employed would comprise civilian defence units.

Anti-splinter protection for windows, and blackout regulations would be enforced only in a state of emergency, proclaimed by the Minister of Defence when hostilities are imminent.

The "Haga" chief may order blackouts for manoeuvres only by orders in the Gazette.

Penalties of up to one year imprisonment for infringements in wartime, and up to three months in jail in normal times, are provided in the bill.

Charges in Local Election Law Tabled

Amendments to the Municipality's Ordinance designed to obviate countrywide Municipal elections on a single day were introduced by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig (Orthodox) and Dr. Idov Cohen (Progressives).

They felt that national issues rather than local issues had been predominant in the recent local elections.

Dr. Warhaftig further suggested an amendment providing that mayors must be chosen within a fortnight after elections.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1: 2-5: Prints from the Eliel Collection; also other recent acquisitions; Exhibit of the Month: Hanukkah Lamp (Bronze). Persia and Bukharia; Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Water Colours by Joseph Kossonoj; also Permanent Exhibition by Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 3-7: Drawings by Abba Mikra Studio, 56 Allenby Rd.

10-4: Gouaches by Eliahu Sigard; Tel Aviv Museum.

8 p.m.: "Call Me Ciomka;" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Herzl.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri St.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON TUESDAY

St. Anthony, Br., Gen. Cargo.
Georgios G., Gr., Wheat.
Yafo, Is., Cars, Gen. Cargo.
General Rivera, Lib., Molasse.
Ethrog, Is., Potatoes.
Marcella, It., Wheat, Flour.
Paul Revere, U.S., Wood.
Neptunia, Pan., Passengers, Gen. Cargo.
Kedmah, Is., Compl. Unloading.
Lechistan, Pol., Onions.
San Michele, It., Gen. Cargo.
Kaptanoglou, Tur., Wood.
Frosti, Br., Fish.

ANCHORED IN HAIFA BAY

Levant — Polish
Scio — Honduras

DEPARTURES IN PAST 24 HRS.

Rico — Italian
Dobroudja — Bulgarian
Hachlosha — Israel
Bunias — Turkish
Birkholm — Swedish
Transilvania — Rumanian

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ships	Cargo
2	Luna	Mixed Cargo
3	Galilah	Immigrants, Passengers, Imml.'s Effects
3	Samaria	Potatoes
7	Venetian	Gen. Cargo
10	Grand Quevilly	Wheat, Soybean
10	Palermo	Gen. Cargo, Acid

SHIPS IN TEL AVIV PORT ON TUESDAY

Hemsefjell, Nor., Potatoes.
Stewart Prince, Br., Gen. Cargo, Iron, Pipes.

SHIPS EXPECTED

Lechistan — Wood
Luna — Gen. Cargo, Iron

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TEL AVIV: British, 17 Allenby, 4554; Sheinkin, 23 Sheinkin, 3753; Tillersdorf, 27 Nahlat Binyamin, 4088; Kollander, 76 Arlozoroff; Saad, 24, 1st St., 80145, Jaffa; Akivison, Rehov Jerusalem, Ramat Yitzhak; Dr. Fisherman, Nahlat Yitzhak, opp. Edolah Factory. **HAIFA:** Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4093; Wadi Nisnas, 28 Khuri, 4197; Bialik, Kiryat Bialik, 7230. **JERUSALEM:** Givati, Rehov Keren Kayemet, Rehavia, 2380; Amudim, Binyan Ha'amudim, Jaffa Road, 3381.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before Justices Cheshin, Assaf and Witkin: (Cr.A.83/50): S. Kipnis (rep. by Geiger) v. Legal Adviser. (Cr.A.53/50): I. Stein (rep. by Rosenberg) v. Legal Adviser.

STATE OF ISRAEL

Notices to the Public

ORDER NO.363
Defence (Anti-Profiteering) Regulations, 1946.

ORDER concerning maximal prices for combed Worsted yarn, combed Worsted Wolstra and mixed combed Worsted and Wolstra yarn manufactured in Israel.

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Regulation 3A of the Defence (Anti-Profiteering) Regulations, 1946, I hereby order:

1. **Definition:** In this Order "manufacturer" is to be defined as a person or a concern manufacturing combed Worsted yarn, combed Worsted Wolstra, or mixed Worsted and Wolstra yarn or mixed Worsted yarn and Wistra staple fibre. 2. **Maximum Prices:** No person shall sell, or offer for sale, buy or induce someone to sell him combed Worsted yarn, Wolstra yarn and/or a mixture of combed Worsted and combed Wolstra, of the kinds manufactured in Israel and set out in the Appendix to this Order, at a price exceeding the maximum price fixed in that Appendix, according to the kind and number of the yarn. 3. **Restriction on Manufacture:** No person shall manufacture combed Worsted yarn, combed Wolstra yarn or mixed Worsted and Wolstra yarn or a mixture of combed Worsted and Wistra staple fibre of the kinds and numbers not included in the Appendix to this Order, unless written approval has been obtained in advance from the Control Authority regarding the price to be fixed. 4. **Detailed accounts:** Manufacturers must detail in their accounts the kind and the standard number of the types from which the yarn to be sold was manufactured. 5. **Validity:** This Order comes into effect on the date of publication in the daily press. 6. **Annulment:** The Order concerning the price of combed Worsted yarn manufactured in Israel, 1949 (Order No. 237) published in "Haaretz" and "Haboker" on August 30, 1949, is hereby void. 7. **Title:** This Order shall be known as "Order concerning the prices of combed Worsted yarn, combed Wolstra and mixed yarn Manufactured in Israel, 1950. 8. **Further Instructions:** The instructions contained in this Order do not release a manufacturer from the obligation to follow any other instructions.

APPENDIX

The maximum price per kg. of undyed Worsted yarn on cones or cross-winded yarn (including transport to the purchaser's stores):

a) Combed Worsted Yarn

Manufactured yarn, cross-bred type, Standard No.56s.-58s.

1/7	IL.2.406
1/9	2.467
1/12	2.509
1/14	2.539
1/15	2.556
1/16	2.570
2/28	2.682
2/32	2.720
2/36	2.702

Merino type manufactures, Standard No.60s.-64s.

2/28	IL.3.184
2/32	3.221
2/36	3.263
2/40	3.304
2/48	3.386

B. Combed Wolstra Yarn

1/18	IL.1.935
1/20	1.953
2/36	1.965
2/40	2.006

C. Mixed Yarn: 75 per cent Cross-bred No.56s.-58s. and 25 per cent Wolstra.

1/14	IL.2.285
2/32	2.466

D. Mixed Yarn: 50 per cent Cross-bred No.56s.-58s. and 50 per cent Wolstra.

1/15	IL.2.157

Note: Manufacturers may ask:
a. an additional 150 pruta per kg. for Melange yarn,
b. an additional 80 pruta over the above prices for spools in packages.

Z. FOGEL,
Control Authority,
Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Jerusalem, Dec. 29, 1950.

MEETING
Executive Committee
Hitahdut Olei America
At Sophia Udin's home, 33 Hanevi'im St., Tel Aviv, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, January 7, 1951.

BODY CURE AND REDUCING
MASSAGE
BEATRICE MIGOL
15 BALFOUR ST. TEL AVIV

Fried Spearheads J'lem Police Win

Leading the way with a hat-trick, Sergeant Fried spearheaded Jerusalem District Police's soccer XI to a 4-0 win over the Haifa District Police side in a friendly game on the Y.M.C.A. pitch, Jerusalem, last week.

Watched by a fair crowd which included high Police officials, Jerusalem attacked from the start and took an early lead when Fried netted in the 8th minute. Ten minutes before the interval Lentz scored to give the home team a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second period Haifa tried hard to reduce the deficit but the Jerusalem defence kept them out, with Karawani and Rosenbaum doing sterling work. The game continued at a fast pace but the defenders were on top until just before the end when Fried netted twice more, seven and four minutes before the end, to give Jerusalem a good win. Fried's second goal was a fine effort, a 22 yard shot.

This win was the second for the Jerusalem team for previously they beat Tel Aviv Police Headquarters XI by 2-1, also on the Y.M.C.A. ground. The game opened with end to end attacks, keeping both goalkeepers busy. The visiting side took the lead in the 25th minute when they netted from a penalty.

This was short-lived, however, for seven minutes later Lentz equalized with a fine header from eight yards out. There was no further score that half and the second period saw a keen struggle by both outfits to get another goal. The issue was only settled two minutes before the final whistle, when Rosenbaum netted from a penalty awarded to Jerusalem.

Towel to Defend World Crown

Vic Towel, South African holder of the world bantamweight boxing championship, is to defend his title against Luis Romero, Spanish and European champion, in Johannesburg during March 1951. Within the next few weeks Towel will have two fights in Britain and one in France. The names of his opponents are not yet disclosed.

BIG WIN FOR TURKEY'S ARMY XI

Turkey's Army soccer team defeated Greece 7-0 before an estimated 12,000 fans in Ankara on Saturday. The Turks led 5-0 at halftime.

Austria's Admira XI beat Istambul's Galatasaray Club 4-0, after leading 1-0 at halftime, while in a third game in Istanbul the local Vera Club defeated Yugoslavia's Sarajevo team by 2-0, after a scoreless first period. Less than 4,000 shivering fans watched the games. Light snow fell during the night, after a sudden change of weather.

Records Broken at Christchurch

Jamaican Arthur Wint won the 880 yards by 3/5ths of a second from Noel Wilson, New Zealand, when the Canterbury Centennial Games continued at Christchurch on Saturday. He timed one minute 54.2 seconds, five seconds outside the world record. With a furlong to go Wint was obviously extending himself in an effort to approach the record. G. Simpson, New Zealand, beat Mal Whitfield, U.S., into third place.

Will Degruchy, Australia, ran a good race to head Arthur Bragg, U.S., and E. Macdonald Bailey, in England's team, in the 220 metres run in 2:2.2. Marjorie Jackson, Australia, clocked 1:2.1 in winning the 100 metres from Shirley Strickland, Australia, who was 1/5th. of a second slower.

New Records

Roger Bannister, England, and Yvette William, New Zealand, were the outstanding performers, both breaking New Zealand records. Bannister in the mile and Williams in the shotput. Bannister's time was four minutes nine seconds, and William's distance 39 feet 1 and 1 inches.

The mile was a brilliant race but robbed of some interest by the scratching of the Swede Igar Bengtsson. Bannister's time was two seconds better than the previous New Zealand record set by Bill Parnell, Canada, at the Empire Games in Auckland, last February. Bannister beat by 25 yard Australian D. G. MacMilan. Willi Sylkhuis, Holland, and John Twomey, U.S., were well back.

Wint came out again after his 880 yard win to carry the 440 yards event from Mal Whitfield and John Voigt, both of the U.S. The tall Jamaican timed 48.5 seconds. D. Dawson, New Zealand, won the long jump with 23 feet 3 and ¼ inches, a quarter of an inch better than Voigt. Don Halderman, U.S., could only get third in the 220 yards hurdles which was won by Ron Weinberg, Australia, in 24.3 seconds, with G.V. Gedge, Australia, second.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 49.8, 33.3 & 522 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m. 6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music; E. Aharon. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 11.00 Concert Hall; Overture "The Wasps" (Williams); Concerto No.2 (Rachmaninoff); Symphony No.1 Barber). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for the Working Woman. 12.50 Programme for Hospitals: Jazz (R). 1.00 Soldiers' Programme (R). 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Siesta (R). 4.50 Dance Music (R). 5.00 Violin Recital: Perry Hayman. 5.30 Chess Corner. 5.45 Duets for Mandolins and Guitar: Yitzhak Milkowsky and Evi Mukasa. 6.15 "News from the Arab World," by M. Mutzeri. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Light Music (R). 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 "The Citizen and the Soldier." 9.00 "The Post:" Sketch by A. Shiloach. 9.30 Agricultural News. 9.45 Chamber Music: Gideon Roehr, Arieh Sachs and Dov Meisels. 10.30 Cantoral Request Programme. 11.12 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Rumanian; 8.15 p.m. Hungarian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.8 M.): 12.00 Newsreel. 12.15 Concert of New Israel Compositions.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 Hebrew Radio Newsreel.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220 M. and 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Community Singing. 7.00 Sketch. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "The Soldier as a Civilian," by D. Rivlin. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.55 Tomorrow's "Bamachaneh." 9.00 Symphony Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

PERFORMANCES OF
TINO ROSSI
and his troupe.
"REVUE DE PARIS"
Today, Jan. 3 — Hof Hadera
Tomorrow, Jan. 4 — JAFFA-OR, Jaffa (2 perf.)
Friday, Jan. 5 — AMPHITHEATRE, Haifa.
Saturday, Jan. 6 — BETH HAAM, Kiryat Haim

WIZO
cordially invites all friends and tourists at present in Israel to attend the
"Get-together"
to be held on Friday, January 5, at 4 p.m. at the WIZO Club, 91 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv.
Mr. I. Chizik, Chairman of the Negev Committee, will speak on
"THE ROAD TO ELATH"
Kabbalat Shabbat and songs will follow.

1951
3-RECTRON MUSICAL!
Johann Strauss' Operetta
Gipsy Baron
TEL AVIV: Today, Wednesday, January 3, OHEL SHEM HALL, 8 p.m.
TEL AVIV: Tomorrow, Jan.4, Ohel Shem Hall, at 8 p.m. Special performance for soldiers. Tickets at the Town Major.
TEL AVIV:
Saturday, January 6, OHEL SHEM HALL, 8 p.m.
Tickets in TEL AVIV:
"AEMON," 4 Hess Street.
"YAEL," 95 Allenby Road.
"BOBERT'S" 118 Dizengoff Rd.
In JAFFA:
"KANAF," 9 Boustrus, Tel. 3030.

The Doctor and the Girl
with GLENN FORD, CHARLES COBURN and GLORIA DE HAVEN
The film that was shown at the Amphitheatre, Haifa, and was a big success — by popular request from next week at the
ORION CINEMA, HAIFA

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

EDEN: On the Town.
EDISON: Escape (3 and 6 p.m.).
ORION: A Song Is Born.
REMADOR: Ecstasy.
STUDIO: Les Visiteurs du Soir.
ZION: Tokyo Joe.

URANIA FILM
(formerly of Cairo)
is planning the performance of a world revue
"MACCABEANS ON BURMA ROAD"
Applications from actors, dancers, musicians, librettists and composers should be addressed to P.O.B. 7027, JERUSALEM.

CLASSIFIED

DWELLINGS — SHOPS — OFFICES

UNIVERSITY research assistant (American) with wife and child urgently need living quarters in Jerusalem, preferably 2-rooms flat. Prepared to share use of refrigerator. Write: CL/13226, P.O.B.81, Jerusalem.

WANTED immediately, in Jerusalem: two unfurnished rooms, reasonable rent, for four months (till own house ready). Write CL/13223, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

WANTED, in Tel Aviv, one room accommodation for one person (male). Write: P.O.B.2949, Tel Aviv.

WANTED: furnished or unfurnished room, by young man working in Tel Aviv. Would also consider to share. Write: R.G. P.O.B.1334, Tel Aviv.

SOUTH AFRICAN couple, moving into Shikun within year, seeks temporary flat in Tel Aviv. Write: CL/14955, P.O.B.1125, Tel Aviv.

TO LET: furnished room, centre Tel Aviv. Write CL/14997, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

FOR SALE, in Kiryat Yam: newly erected, one-room prefabricated house, including bathroom and kitchen. Inquiries to: Bayside Land Corp., Ltd., 2 Herzl St., Haifa; Tel.42219.

AMERICAN couple seeks room or flat in Haifa for limited period. Will guarantee to vacate. Write: No.727, Advertising Centre, 40 Herzl St., Haifa.

WORKING girl, single, requires furnished room in Haifa or vicinity, prepared to pay moderately high rental and share room with another girl. Reply: No.4482, P.O.B.66, Haifa.

LESSONS

ENGLISH by English-born teacher. Moderate rates. Ariel Chen, P.O.B.38, Jerusalem.

LOST

LOST, on December 27, 1950, wallet containing Identity Card in the name of Hugo Evi Gerschacher, 6 Rehov Strauss, Jerusalem. Finder please return to The Jerusalem Post Offices. Reward.

LOST: Identity Card No.7678, belonging to Ibrahim Yussef Abdul Hamid, of Abu Ghosh. Finder kindly return to The Advertising Department, The Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem.

LOST: Identity Card No.7534 in the name of Hassan Mohammed Abdel Hamid, of Abu Ghosh. Finder return to Police Station, Abu Ghosh.

LOST: Identity Card in the name of Mildred Lefkowitz, Jerusalem. Finder please return to The Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem.

LOST: Identity Card belonging to Carol Josipovici. Finder please return to The Jerusalem Post, 52 Nahlat Binyamin St., Tel Aviv.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

"BECHSTEIN" grand piano and two German upright pianos in excellent condition for sale. Gruenberg, Romema, Jerusalem, between 6 and 7 p.m. Tel.2113.

PIANO wanted immediately from private person. Augenblick, 27 Balfour St., Tel Aviv, Tel.2547.

OPTICS — PHOTO

FOR CAMERAS and accessories highest prices paid. Photo Brenner, 31 Hehalutz St., Haifa.

PURCHASE — SALE

FOR SALE English typewriter, good condition. Apply Tobias, 24 Frug St., Tel Aviv.

SITUATIONS WANTED

YOUNG English speaking nanny requires post, sleep-in. Offers to CL/13241, P.O.B.81, Jerusalem.

DISPATCH, experienced, best references, French, German, English, seeks employment on private car. Write: P.O.B.4361, Tel Aviv.

DENTAL surgeon, new immigrant, long experience in modern dentistry, seeks position anywhere in Israel. Write to CL/15000, P.O.B.1125, Tel Aviv.

DRIVER — mechanic, wide experience, good references, speaks English, French, Italian, Hebrew and Arabic, seeks position. Write: CL/4499, P.O.B.66, Haifa.

CAPITALIST
willing to invest up to IL.10.000 for active participation in sound business proposition.
Write with details to: No. 18433, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

EXPERIENCED ENGLISH, GERMAN SHORTHAND TYPIST
(female) seeks employment three afternoons per week. Write: No. 740, Advertising Centre, 40 Herzl St., Haifa.

SECRETARY (female)
independent correspondent, shorthand-typist, Hebrew, English, French, German, long experience in office routine and administration, seeks position.
Write to No. 18949, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

WANTED
ENGLISH-GERMAN Shorthand-Typist
for afternoon work.
Phone 4243, Tel Aviv.

Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	54	7	15	13
Nathanya	55	—	23	20
Haifa	48	8	22	20
Lydda Airport	42	7	23	21
Jerusalem	16	10	19	18
Beersheba	11	—	24	21

Forecast: Cloudy with local showers in the north. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Some possibility of light showers in central Israel, mainly later in the day.
*A) Humidity at 3 pm. yesterday
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Maxim. temp. expected today

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630 immigrants from Europe and N. Africa arrived in the s.s. Galilah on Monday. 45 passengers and tourists arrived in the s.s. Neptunia.

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A ma'abara for 200 families was opened near Kfar Uno on Monday. It will be occupied by newcomers from Poland and Yemen.

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Jewelry and clothing valued at IL.455 were stolen from the flat of Mr. Haim Twersky, of Tel Aviv, on Sunday night.

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A training course for ships' waiters will be opened shortly in Haifa, the Ministry of Labour has announced. Courses in welding and turning will also be arranged.

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About 15,000 people are at present attending Building Courses organized by the Ministry of Labour.

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The automatic Telephone Exchange in Holon was opened last Friday. The new automatic line between Tel Aviv and Herzlia was opened yesterday, the Post Office has announced.

Israel Arab Teachers Form Association

HAIFA, Tuesday.—An organization of Arab teachers was founded today at a meeting of 35 delegates, representing about 500 Arab teachers throughout Israel. The organization will be affiliated to the Israel Labour League and the Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Aviezer Yellin, president of the Hebrew Teachers' Association, and a representative of the Histadrut.

Hight Court Extends Prison Term

The Supreme Court in Jerusalem, sitting as a Court of Appeals, yesterday extended the prison sentence of Yosef Zvilesky, of Tel Aviv, who was convicted of attempted murder, from six months to two years.

The accused had been found guilty by the Tel Aviv District Court of shooting and wounding Moshe Bitansky during a quarrel over a room. He had escaped after the shooting and had been in hiding for about seven months before he was arrested.

The State's case was presented by the Assistant State Attorney, Mrs. M. Ben Porath.

TOY VENDOR CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM) —Yosef Bachar, known as "Yo Yo, the toy vendor," was sentenced to four months in jail by the Magistrate's Court here today on charges of assaulting persons who refused to buy his wares, disturbing the peace, and attacking policemen.

The accused, who fell to the floor twice during the trial, does not suffer from epilepsy, according to medical testimony.

His fainting spells were the result of hysteria, the Government doctor testified. Fifteen similar charges against the accused are pending.

Ration News

JERUSALEM: Frozen meat: 125 grams, Kaf 9, visitors, 11; expectant mothers, additional 300 grams, Yud, special card; physical labourers, additional 500 grams, 13, special card; 375 pruta kilo. Tomatoes: 250 grams, 294, distribution in zones 4, 5. Potatoes: 3 kilos, Shin Aleph 28, distribution in zones 1, 4, 6, 9, 11 ends on Jan. 15. Carrots: 250 grams, 235, distribution in zone 2.

TEL AVIV AND DISTRICT: Chicken: distribution in zone 9, ill persons — 500 grams, special card, aged persons — 250 grams, coupon 3, distribution ends Jan. 6; distribution in villages, ill persons — Het Aleph 1, 750 grams, Het Bet 1, 600 grams, Het Dalet 1, 500 grams; aged persons, 250 grams, coupon 4.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: children, 7; adults, 4, Lamed 27, visitors, 3. Chicken: only to persons with medical authorization. Fish: imported fish, 150 grams, Shin Gimel 23, visitors, 37, distribution throughout district except Petah Tikva and Herzlia; Beersheba, Shin Gimel 24, visitors, 28, Potatoes: 3 kilos, Shin Aleph 28, visitors, 32. Butter: only to persons with medical authorization.

NEW FOOD RATION BOOKS FOR ALL

New Food Ration Books are to be issued shortly, the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday.

The new Books will be issued only on presentation of Civilian Identity Cards or similar documents bearing the holder's current address. All persons who have changed their address since the Registration in January, 1948, must notify the nearest Civilian Registration Office.

PM's Reply on Citrus Expected Today

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Prime Minister's reply to the citrus growers is expected tomorrow, it was learned here today. Until the reply has been studied by the growers, no further developments are expected.

The Knesset Economic Committee today heard for the second time the representatives of the Farmers' Association and the Histadrut citrus co-operatives, and urged the growers to resume picking, permitting the Committee to study the matter thoroughly and without haste.

At a meeting of private and Histadrut growers yesterday, it was suggested that a three-man committee be set up to work out joint proposals to be submitted to the Government. This fell through when the farmers demanded that the committee's proposals be binding on the Citrus Control Board body. The suggestion was that the growers should ask for a maximum Government subvention in the event that losses reach seven shillings per case.

Work Wanted

A delegation of workers in citrus growing areas will go to Jerusalem tomorrow, to ask for work from the Minister of Labour. They will also see the Minister of Agriculture.

It is believed here that the low quotations for Jaffas in England at the beginning of the season were partly due to the fact that the first shipments of Jaffas are normally inferior to the oranges from Spain, which ripen earlier. The prices are expected to rise later in the season.

Mt. Scopus Convoy Scheduled Today

The regular convoy to Mount Scopus is scheduled to go up today with a change of police guards and supplies.

It was learned yesterday that a meeting took place recently between Sgan Aloof Shaul Ramati and Azmi Bey Nashashibi, respective heads of the Israel and Jordan delegations to the Mixed Armistice Commission, to discuss the Wadi Araba negotiations. No date was set for the next meeting or for the return of the survey teams to kilometre 78 to continue their investigations of the boundary demarcation line.

A recent statement in an Arab paper that the U.N. authorities here would themselves settle the Wadi Araba affair if Israel and Jordan did not reach an agreement, also was reported to be without foundation.

39 Jaffa Families Move to New Huts

JAFFA, Tuesday. — The first 39 families from the condemned old city of Jaffa were today moved to their new homes in the metal-hutted area, south of here. Families of four or less are allotted one room, while families of five or more have been given a two-roomed hut to themselves. So far 100 huts have been finished, and another 50 are nearing completion.

169,000 Arrived In 1950

A total of 219,447 persons entered Israel, in 1950, it was reported yesterday. Of these, 168,839 were immigrants 30,616 tourists, and 19,992 returning residents. Some 57,885 persons left the country during the year.

Last month, 12,275 immigrants, 1,751 tourists, and 1,371 residents entered Israel, while 3,632 left.

Immigration to Israel from the founding of the State to December 31, 1950, totalled 510,034.

DISABILITIES FOR IRAQ JEWS

BAGHDAD, Tuesday (AP).—The Iraqi government will soon present a bill amending the law governing the emigration of Jews to Israel and will reconsider Jewish representation in the Iraqi parliament to render it proportionate to the number of Jews with Iraq citizenship and other Jews remaining in the country, said Mustapha Alumari, Minister of State, in the House of Representatives today.

He was answering the deputy leader of the Independence Party who asked the government to abolish Jewish representation in parliament and place all Jews who want to surrender their Iraqi nationality in a special category.

Negev Authority Acts To Combat Drought

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday— In an effort to combat the effects of the winter drought, the Negev Authority has arranged for the irrigation of 7,000 dunams of land not previously artificially watered.

The situation in the northern Negev is now regarded as serious, and may become critical if no rain falls within the next week.

YADIN VISITS NEGEV IMMIGRANT CAMPS

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — The Chief-of-Staff, Rav Aloof Yigael Yadin, today visited new immigrant villages in the Negev area. He discussed current problems with the settlers and promised full assistance.

ESCAPED SUSPECT SENT TO MENTAL HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Raphael Zephania Shwilli, 33, of Jaffa, who was caught with the gang of escaped criminals last month, was today committed by Magistrate I. Magori to the Government mental hospital in Jaffa.

Shwilli is up for a preliminary hearing, together with several other members of the gang for an alleged IL. 10,000 burglary at a leather factory in Jaffa last September. The hearing against the others will be resumed on January 9.

T.-B. LEAGUE WORKERS' STRIKE BEGINS TODAY

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A general strike of about 100 Israel Anti-Tuberculosis League employees will begin tomorrow following the refusal of the League to grant retroactive pay to October, 1949.

Administrative work will stop, but hospital service will continue.

Gottlieb Jailed Till He Returns Son

Dr. Y. Gottlieb (Yedidiah), surgeon of Beersheba Hadassah Hospital, was told to go to prison yesterday by the High Court in Jerusalem until he produces his four-year-old child, who has been the subject of court proceedings both here and in England.

Following the court order, Dr. Gottlieb informed reporters that he was prepared to stay in jail "at least until my boy marries, so long as I know that he is in Israel and in good hands."

The mother, Mrs. Rachel Gottlieb, who is a British citizen, asked that her husband be cited for contempt of court and imprisoned for failing to adhere to previous court orders that he give the child to the mother. The orders were in the form of habeas corpus writs and based on a British court order granting custody to the mother.

Speaks Only Hebrew

Dr. Gottlieb, who appeared without counsel, first asked for a postponement so that he might obtain an attorney. After this was refused, he told the Court that he had been a better parent than the mother, that she had a younger child of theirs in England and that he wanted this child raised in Israel. On the verge of tears, he told the Court that the boy had become "a complete kibbutznik" while living in a Negev settlement and could speak only Hebrew.

Mr. A. Levitzky, the mother's attorney, charged that the father had broken his agreement with the mother over the child and had once beaten the mother.

The Court was composed of Justices Dunkelblum, Olshan and Silberg.

THREE-YEAR SENTENCE FOR MURDER

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A three-year prison sentence was imposed by the District Court yesterday on Ahmed Abbas, 18, of Kafr Kana who was found guilty of the murder of Youseff Oudeh of the same village on May 15. The murder took place after Oudeh's donkey had destroyed plants in Abbas' field.

WOMAN DIES OF BURNS

Mrs. Georgia Burgul, 42, of 2 Gaza Road, Jerusalem, who was found on Monday in an abandoned house in Lifta in an unconscious state and suffering from severe burns, died yesterday in Hadassah Hospital. Police said that that she is survived by two invalid children and had been suffering recently from severe depression.

MAN KILLED BY VEHICLE

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A military vehicle driven by a civilian today knocked down and killed Arye Biederman, 49, of Gush Halav. The driver was arrested. The accident occurred near Tel Litvinsky, and the victim died immediately after admission to hospital.

Three people were injured in two other traffic accidents reported here today. Both involved buses. Two people were slightly hurt when a No. 2 bus mounted the pavement near the bus stop at the corner of Allenby Road and Nahlat Benyamin, and ran onto the metal rails marking the stop. In northern Tel Aviv, another bus knocked down and slightly injured Mrs. Sarah Hecht.

Soldier Reburied After 2-Year Search

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The remains of Eliezer Segal, recently found after two years of search on the Mishmar Hayarden battlefield, were laid to rest today at the settlement. His widow, Army officers, District Council representatives and members of the settlement paid their last respects to the fallen soldier.

JAILED AND FINED FOR OVERCHARGE ON EGGS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — For overcharging ten prutot on each of 120 eggs sold last January, Yitzhak Olinsky, a grocer of Rishon Le' Zion was sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment and fined IL. 60 by the Anti-Profiteering Court here today.

Mordecai Levi, of Lydda, was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment for selling 300 eggs without a permit.

Eritreans Hail Ethiopic Union

ASMARA, Tuesday, (UP). — Thanksgiving services have been held in the Coptic cathedral here in connection with the reunion of Eritrea and Ethiopia following the U.N. decision. The pro-Ethiopian papers all welcome the decision to federate this country with that of Haile Selassie.

Both the Coptic clergy and the Unionist press are reluctant to use the term "federation," preferring "federated union" to emphasize the full-ness of their victory. Independents regard federation as the lesser of the two evils and are not without hope that it may turn out for the best.

The Moslem League is reluctant to accept anything short of full independence.

In recent weeks, shifta activities have shown no signs of abating. In a single day, seven Eritreans in different places were murdered. Herds of cattle have been stolen, buses held up and passengers robbed.

In the Asamo region, near the Ethiopian border, fierce fighting has been going on between Christian and Moslem shiftas, with peasants occasionally joining in.

Demonstrators In Aden Imprisoned

ADEN, Tuesday (UP). — The powerful Sultan of Makalla in the eastern Aden protectorate was reported today to have imprisoned the leaders of one political party and imposed strict censorship following a clash in which 1 demonstrators were killed and 24 wounded.

Three platoons of the Ma-Ralla regular army were in control of fortifications and the situation was quiet, according to these reports. No British troops or Royal Air Force planes have left Aden for the trouble area.

Committee Hears New City Tax Plan

Basic amendments to the system of Municipal Taxation designed to equalize the tax burden were proposed at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Interior Committee.

The new proposals provide for only two rates: — one on property, payable by the owner; and a general rate payable by the tenant.

It has been recommended that the property rate be calculated on the basis of rents actually received instead of on estimated rents as at present; and that the General rate payable by the tenant be assessed according to the type of building, situation and density of inhabitants in each flat.

At present, rates are levied under the following four headings: — a Municipal rate on property, payable by the owner; and General, Education, and Sewage rates calculated on the basis of estimated rents, and payable by the occupants.

It is thought that the existing method of assessment on the basis of estimated rent results in an unfair distribution of the rates.

Non-residential buildings, and agricultural and occupied land would be rated at a fixed charge per unit of area depending on type and situation, with the provision that the rate on agricultural land should not amount to more than a quarter of that on occupied land in the same area.

It is suggested that the rate on unoccupied land be estimated on the basis of its market value.

Attlee Calls Fuel Crisis Talks

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter) —The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has asked 27 members of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers to meet him at his official residence here tomorrow for urgent talks on the fuel crisis.

With coal stocks falling near danger point, Britain faces a serious situation within the next eight weeks which may close factories and industrial plants. Exceptionally bad weather has increased the need for coal and other forms of power derived from coal, and has hindered the movement of supplies from the pits.

Mr. Attlee's move is unprecedented. Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Minister of Fuel and Power, will broadcast an appeal to the nation, later this week to economize on coal and electricity.

The Government may discuss banning electric fires in homes and shops and the use of electricity for display windows, if the crisis deepens.

Salah Resumes Money Talks in London

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter) —The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah e-Din, arrived in London last night after spending a week in Paris.

He is expected to spend only two or three days in London, where he will be concerned solely with the financial talks.

According to present information in Egyptian official circles here, the political talks which Salah e-Din conducted with Mr. Bevin before his departure from London will not be resumed until after his return to Cairo for consultations with his government.

Cables in Brief

EGYPT'S entire cotton output in the coming season is to be taken over by the government to fill stores. More Russian wheat and barley is to be purchased.

SYRIA'S Council of Ministers has decided to nationalize the country's electricity, tramway and water services. All are foreign-owned.

FRANCE has banned the sale of five Soviet magazines, including the "Literary Gazette" and the "Krokodil" (a satirical magazine). "New Times" was banned in France last March.

M.E. DEFENCE NEEDS EGYPT — VENIZELOS

ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Greek Prime Minister, M. Venizelos, said today that "in any solution of the Middle East security problem, Egypt could not be ignored as long as she placed herself with the Western Democracies."

Egypt's strategic position imposed the need for her to share in a Mediterranean pact which should be an extension of the Atlantic Treaty, he declared.

M. Venizelos returned here on Saturday after a short stay in Cairo.

Azzam Meets Pope

VATICAN, CITY, Tuesday (UP). — The Pope today received in private audience Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League. During the half-hour conversation, they discussed "Middle Eastern problems and the situation in the Holy Land." The Ministers to the Vatican of Egypt and the Lebanon were present.

Azzam Pasha, who arrived here from New York yesterday, is due to leave for Cairo this evening.

Israel Can Keep Clear of War

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for the worst. But in addition to the problems confronting other nations, the Prime Minister said, Israel had to face the fact that her neighbours did not accept her existence.

"Only children believe that the Arab states were arming to fight for or against the Soviet Union or the United States. These arms—if they are used—will be used only against us and our enemies do not conceal this fact. From time to time they declaim loudly about their plans for a second round.

Second Round Danger

"The worsening of the international situation increases the danger of a second round," he said.

Here, too, Mr. Ben Gurion said there was no cause for undue alarm. Efforts must be continued to achieve peace treaties with any Arab states who wish it, he said. But at the same time any neglect of defence preparations might be fatal, he warned.

The Prime Minister said that the armed forces were today at least twice as strong as at the time of the victory in the War of Independence. But a future war would be a total war and success or failure rested not only with the armed forces but with the people.

Success or failure depended upon four factors:

1. **Immigration:** Nine-tenths of the Jewish people were still dispersed. The increased strength of the army was in no small measure due to the increased population. In the next round, Israel may be cut off from the rest of the world and help from world Jewry may not again be available.

2. **Settlement:** The present situation, where half the population was concentrated near the Yarkon River might prove disastrous, and the population of the frontier regions and the barren Negev wastes was more important for security considerations than for economic reasons. Raising tomatoes and watermelons in the Negev might not be economically sound today, but was essential for security, just as the settlements around Jerusalem and the outpost villages had proved decisive in the war of liberation.

3. **Industrial Development:** Without a diversified industry and high technical ability Israel will not survive. Certain basic industries were particularly important for security, and these were being developed.

4. **Morale:** Complacency was a bigger danger than enemy armies. The people seemed to be living in a fool's paradise and made demands upon the State which could not be met. Actually, however, this generation was a vital one of which more was expected than of any generation in history.

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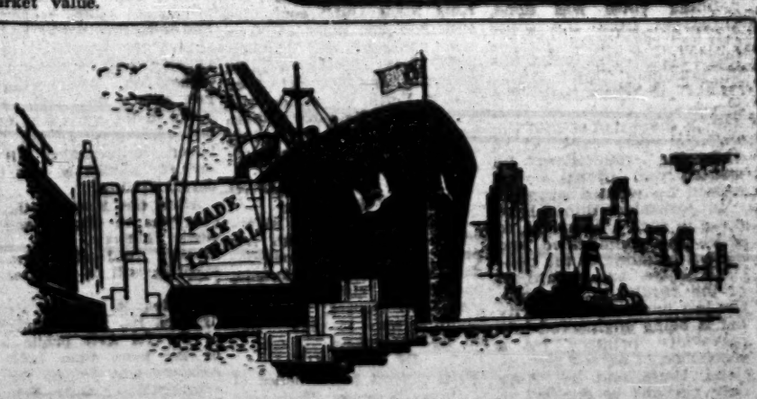

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Ghetto Police Chief on War Crimes Charge

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Magistrate's Court here today began the hearing of another in the growing series of war crimes cases. A new charge filed today brings the number of such cases now pending to ten.

Today's hearing involves a former deputy chief of the Jewish police force in the ghetto of Ostrovice in Poland. According to the charges and the testimony, the accused, Moshe Putshitz, turned over large numbers of Jews to the S.S., prevented numerous others from escaping, and caused the death of others by beating. The ghetto reportedly held about 17,000 Jews, hundreds of whom were employed by the Germans in various factories.

Putshitz, for the past year a clerk at the Food Controller's Office in Jaffa, had once handed over to the S.S. a 17-year-old youth, according to today's witness, Mr. Zvi Katz. He added that the boy, whom the Germans suspected of partisan activities, but who Putshitz knew had no such connections, was subsequently executed.

The brother of Mr. Katz had died as a result of a beating at the hands of the accused, the witness said. On another occasion, just before the transfer of a large group to the death camps, Putshitz had placed a heavy guard around the ghetto to prevent anyone from escaping.

The hearing, which is being held before Judge C. Waldman will be resumed on January 17. Before that date, it is understood, similar charges will be filed against a person accused of being Putshitz's assistant. Appearing for the defendant were Mr. I. Ben-Jamini, and Mr. I. Wirkitch. Mr. B. Dinari appeared for the prosecution.

The new war crime charges filed today in the Magistrate's Court accused Natan Bratt, of Givatayim, of beating various inmates and turning others over to the Gestapo while serving as an official in a concentration camp in Poland in 1942. The accused was released in IL.1,000 bail pending the preliminary hearing.

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IT was exhilarating to hear Mr. Ben Gurion in his most forceful mood yesterday give notice to the world that Israel is resolved and able to keep its sovereignty inviolate. He was right, too, in emphasizing the very direct ratio between the security of this Jewish State, so potent a factor in this small corner of the earth, and the security of all the Jews who dwell beyond it. The Prime Minister's evaluation of the position of Israel as a factor in the Middle East was an eloquent rebuttal to Israel's brand of isolationists.

CIVIL DEFENCE

We must be prepared to defend ourselves against aggression, from whatever point of the compass it comes; and to shield and rescue our civilian population from destruction. It is none too soon to legislate into existence an effective organization of civil defence, and the Bill introduced into the Knesset yesterday is, in its main outlines, certain of speedy enactment. But promulgation is the least difficult stage: the main problem and task are to build the shelters and procure the appliances and equipment of protection. We would also like to hope that, during its passage, the Bill may undergo a change of accent, so that a civil organization will emerge rather than another job for the Army. The Army has plenty to do besides looking after non-combatants in war, and in any case should not become the general factotum of the State.

ELECTING MAYORS

MAYORS are meant to be elected by the votes of their fellow-councillors. The electorate is normally required, and is content, to take it for granted that councillors whose election mirrors the will of the people shall be men of discernment and objectivity, wedded to local interests, who can be trusted to pick out one of their number as best qualified to preside for a period over the fortunes of the town.

National political issues, factional checks and balances, or the nuisance value of splinter groups, these are extraneous factors which should never have been interpolated into our municipal affairs. The net result of the unedifying palaver at the political bargain-counter has been serious damage to the prestige of the principal executive office in local government, and a travesty of democratic processes. To begin with, Party Lists were decked out unethically with the names of public favourites who, once their duty of winning votes was done, withdrew from the scene and left representation to—presumably—less outstanding nominees. This is tantamount to discarding the electorate's choice, for it is among these names that the average voter expected to find the councillors he wanted and probably the mayor he wanted as well.

In Jerusalem things have come to such a pass that, to serve the complicated and distant haggling at the political centre, and regardless of the verdict at the polls, the last name on a minority list is being engineered into mayoralty primacy by a succession of agreed abdications. Haifa and Tel Aviv may perhaps be entitled to claim mayors returned by a plurality of the votes. Yet even there that curious disregard for local rights and reasons appeared which permits one Party to abandon its cause in, say, Nathanya, in order to deny the majority its place in Petah Tikva, and another to trade healthy opposition in Jerusalem for an unearned chairmanship in either of these other places.

Far-reaching electoral reform is overdue, if the express wishes of the voters are not to be stultified again. The term of the new Councils is, fortunately, less than the normal four years; if it were further shortened by a corrective law which the disastrous harvest of the last two months justify abundantly, the country would scarcely mourn.

FRENCH AND GERMANS SHUDDER AT REARMAMENT

British Public Takes War Talk Calmly

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, December 28.—READING the latest batch of American newspapers and periodicals, it is difficult to escape the impression that Britain and the United States are divided by something else besides the Atlantic. Here in Britain, talk dwells resignedly upon the next war, but there is little visible nervousness and almost no emotionalism. Few people here, for example, get excited over Chinese intervention in Korea, although it is generally agreed that the UN cannot afford to ignore it. Whether all this is due to lack of realism, or to an excess of it, remains to be seen. There is also no belief that war will come suddenly. The best guess is that it is still a few years off.

In the United States they seem to have made up their minds that an atomic Blitz might strike New York at any minute, and even the well-informed appear to think that the Russians cannot fail to march by next summer at the latest. There is correspondingly more emotionalism.

On the subject of German rearmament, which gives both the Germans and the French the shivers — to say nothing of other Europeans — the British public remains calm. Most people accept it as inevitable, and a good many add that if there has to be fighting, then the Germans ought certainly to do their share. The trouble seems to be that it will be extremely difficult to make the Germans see it in this light. Their present tendency is to wait for more American divisions on the Elbe before they commit themselves. "Morally," of course, the issue can be argued almost endlessly, as between those who don't want to fight alongside Germans, and the majority who insist on the contrary that the Germans, as a punishment for their sins, should be forced to do most of the dirty work. There are also those who believe that in the end Germans and French will have to get together on this issue upon a European basis, and that from so much confusion something like a united Europe will emerge. But few people here are interested in Europe or regard themselves as Europeans.

The conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, which is due to open tomorrow, will have other subjects to talk about. Defence of the Middle East is one. Economic measures to stop the rot in South-East Asia is another and bigger problem. The so-called Colombo Plan of economic development for the period from 1951 to 1957 might be overtaken by political and military events, but it will nonetheless remain topical. Governments come and go, but the problems don't change. India is now in the throes of another food crisis, which may mean famine, and there is talk of the Nehru administration breaking up and Nehru himself going into opposition. But opposition against what? The conservative wing of Congress is led by people who openly confess their disbelief in the solution of India's basic problems. They are willing to let things be, provided India's traditional culture is preserved. But how that can be done whilst over-population becomes more pressing every year, nobody has yet puzzled out.

Colombo Plan

The British Government's White Paper on the Colombo Plan, issued in advance of the conference, is among the more realistic documents of recent years. Possibly for that reason it has been little reported. After setting out the rather modest programme agreed upon by the Commonwealth Governments — total public investments of under £2,000 million over six years in the whole of South-East Asia, with India getting the lion's share — it comes to grips with the real issue: mass poverty caused by the rising population rate. And here the remarkable fact emerges that nearly all these countries have been going downhill for at least half a century. Population has been increasing faster than food production over the whole area, with the exception of Siam, and in India there has actually been a fall in the absolute yield of the rice crop — from 27 million tons in the thirties to 25 million since the war. In consequence, not only have living standards declined, but there is now no margin left for the investment of capital in agriculture and transport, let alone industry. Hence the decision to pump the necessary funds into the area by drawing on the resources of Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth. But whether the new nationalist Governments are capable of such an operation even if the funds are provided, is not yet certain. Reports from India, Indonesia and Pakistan are not encouraging in this respect.

Cow Protection

In the end it all comes down to very simple matters. An economist, whom this correspondent consulted, pointed out that a cow eats as much as a human being. Consequently, India's cow population must either be reduced or made productive. At present the Indian farmer uses his cattle mainly as draught animals and feeds them badly. He therefore cannot get milk from them. But to replace cattle by machinery on the primitive Indian farm is an immense operation, probably requiring something like a social revolution, and in the meantime things are rapidly getting worse. And of course the superfluous cow population cannot be killed off, because religion forbids this. In fact, the new President of the Congress Party, Mr. Tandon, has described cow protection as more important than economics. It is, he says, part of India's spiritual heritage. All would be well if these animals could at least be turned into milch-cows, but that requires a technological revolution in the village... The cow problem is not insoluble, but there is grave doubt here whether the reigning liberal-nationalist politicians are the men to tackle it.

CHINESE THREAT TO INDO-CHINA

By Dennis Bloodworth

PARIS — THE departure of General De Lattre De Tassigny to take up his new appointment as French High Commissioner and Supreme Commander in Indo-China is an indication of the serious view now taken here of the Indo-China war and the possibilities of Chinese intervention.

Vietnamese suspicions that the appointment is a new gambit in Franco-Vietnamese political relations have been offset by the military convention signed earlier this month between the Emperor Bao Dai and the retiring French High Commissioner, M. Pignon, which places Vietnamese forces under the titular command of the Emperor and gives them autonomy from the French Army.

General De Tassigny has a reputation as an organizer of modern armies out of diverse elements and there is little doubt that one of his most important tasks will be the supervision of the creation of the new Vietnamese army. French military circles here reckon this will take at least one year.

Until now Indo-Chinese forces have consisted of 30,000 regular and 30,000 auxiliary troops formed into battalions and integrated into French formations under French command.

National Army

These will form the nucleus of the new national army which will be under the tactical guidance of the French Commander-in-Chief, but will be self-sufficient as a fighting force of about four divisions with its own staff and command.

As it stands, however, this cadre has little experience in the use of heavier arms, and above all lacks commanders. Vietnamese officers have risen in the French army to the rank of major and very occasionally to lieutenant-colonel, but the new army will require experienced generals. The present Inspector-General of the Vietnamese forces is an ex-chemist and the Secretary-General of Vietnamese national defence, Nguyen Van Hinh, is an air force major.

Diverse Elements

Training and officering of the new army will require considerable tact also. It will consist of diverse elements including 24,000 men of the Caodists (a religious sect from South Indo-China), and a lesser number of the Hoahao (also from Indo-China). Earlier in the war against the Viet Minh a battalion of Hoahao deserted to the rebels, offended by being refused permission to enter a town near which it was encamped. The battalion returned ultimately to the French but the incident was indicative of their touchy and unpredictable nature.

This defection however was unique. Rumours that the French object to American military aid being granted direct to the new Vietnamese army because the weapons might one day be turned against French forces are groundless. What is far more worrying to the French is the time element. Politically, this is not an opportune moment to have to reform the Vietnamese units into an autonomous army, for there is a growing conviction here that Chinese forces may be thrown into the Indo-Chinese war at any moment. Official circles admit that the incursion of 50,000 Chinese troops would enable the rebels to occupy Hanoi and all North Indo-China in a few weeks.

Recent accusations by the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs that the French have violated China's frontiers, coupled with Ho Chi Minh's announced ambition to "liberate" all Indo-China, where before his aims were confined only to Viet Nam, are regarded here as ominous straws in the wind. Behind them lies China's historical desire for the rich Indo-Chinese rice-fields which could do so much to alleviate the desperate food situation in China itself.

American arms aid, though increased, is still not enough to meet French demands. Small arms, aircraft and vehicles have reached the front, but the rebel forces are equally well armed with American equipment captured by the Chinese Communists from Chiang Kai-shek or judiciously bought in the earlier post-war years in Siam, and even the Philippines.

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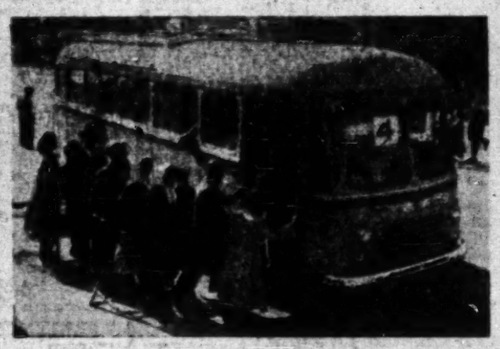

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Readers' Letters

SETTLEMENT SERVICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Can the Defence Ministry state whether service in the Jewish Settlement Police from Jan. 1, 1948, until its disbandment on May 15, is counted as Military Service?

Yours, etc.,
ZEEV KATZ

Petah Tikva.

Defence Ministry's Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—The answer to Z.K.'s question is in the affirmative. A man's service in the Jewish Settlement Police — between Jan. 1, '48 and May 15 —will be considered as military service.

Any person wishing to receive army credit for the period he served in the Settlement Police must forward his request, together with the relevant documents, to his superior officer.

Public Relations Branch,
Ministry of Defence.

Haldirya, Dec. 25.

ALLOTMENT OF TELEPHONES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The undersigned, being a public auditor who made an application for a telephone in June, 1944, has noticed that other applicants, with, in his opinion, no priority claims, have been allotted telephones although these applications were made later than June, 1944. The applicants concerned are an advertising agency, a commission agent and a small workshop.

Although I have reminded the committee for the allotment of telephones of my application four times, I have had no satisfaction from the Post Office.

Will the Postmaster-General kindly explain why public auditors, who are generally called up by the income tax authorities three times a day or more lag behind the above-named professions in priority. Will he also investigate whether allotments are being made without discrimination?

Yours, etc.,
MAX STRYER

Tel Aviv.

CARS FOR VETS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — An announcement was made in London a fortnight ago on the principles guiding the allocation of new private cars in Britain. Top priority is granted to the medical profession as appears from the following paragraph:

"... doctors and midwives who have not got a car in reasonable running order, and who are suitably sponsored, will continue to enjoy limited priorities, and special consideration will be given to veterinary surgeons in a similar position."

At present great efforts are being made in Israel to expand agricultural production. It is inconceivable, therefore, that the health of our herds of cows and sheep, and flocks of chickens, so essential in the production of food, be endangered for lack of transport for our veterinary surgeons.

The Controller of Road Transport is asked to explain why the same consideration as is granted in Britain, and, incidentally, in the United States, is not available to veterinary surgeons in government service in this country.

Yours, etc.,
B. BAR-MOSHE, D.V.M.

Affula, Dec. 19.

BUS QUEUES. — When will the authorities take action to preserve order in bus queues at the Central Station, Tel Aviv? Physical force seems to be the only way of retaining one's place in the queues there, and disturbances are frequent.

B. Mandelson

MUSICAL DIARY

IT was a charming idea, to present a Johann Strauss programme, conducted by Hanan Schlesinger, on New Year's Eve. Of course, the overture "The Bat" didn't sparkle like — say — an unforgettable carnival's Tuesday "Bat" performance once at the Munich opera under Bruno Walter, for Kol Israel's strings are too poor in volume and glamour and lack the tradition of playing that light Viennese music. But the intermezzo from "1001 Nights," which followed as well as the "Perpetuum Mobile" and the waltz "Where the Lemon Trees Blossom," made a delightful selection and the intoxicating rhythm, charm and grace of those melodies were pleasing to hear.

Kol Israel's regular light programme on records 7.15-7.45 a.m. is an animated half hour. We were pleased last week with some good recordings, "From Strauss to Straus," a paraphrase by Oscar Straus, with the New Light Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the 80-year-old composer. No less delicious was the Fritz Kreisler-potpourri from "The King Steps Out," containing such nostalgic tunes as "Caprice Viennois" and "Liebesleid," with Chapple's Light orchestra, or "Blue Skies," an Irving Berlin cavalcade and the Jerome Kern-paraphrase, both with Louis Levy and his Gaumont Symphony orchestra.

FRANGO

Debut With Liszt

Leah Schwarz made an excellent impression with her piano first broadcast (on Sunday) with Liszt's Tarantella, an intricate virtuoso's piece, read con bravura; Debussy's "Jardins sous la pluie" was no less promising.

IN TEL AVIV

THE concert performance of Purcell's opera "Dido and Aeneas" by the Tel Aviv Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Eytan Lustig at the Museum on Saturday, was an excellent achievement, offering — so to say — genuine opera with all its dramatic ingredients in a nutshell. The vocalists gave a perfect interpretation with Lotte Laufer, Shoshana Shoshan and Pinhas Hollander as outstanding soloists; two smaller parts were sung by Edith Goldschmidt and Esther Shkolnik.

The string-quartet was led by Sasha Parnes.

Walter Hautzig

In Walter Hautzig, who gave his first recital at the Museum the following evening, we made the acquaintance of a pianist of a high intellectual and musical standing. His extremely rich source of inspiration became evident as he played the various masters with exactly the same understanding and affection on the one side and effectiveness on the other, and that in such a way that his refined and eloquent technique seemed only to be of a mere subordinate importance.

Hautzig opened the programme with Bach's harpsichord transcription of Benedetto Marcello's oboe-concerto in D minor, continued with Hindemith's second sonata in which the composer can't help preserving a little of the influence of Brahms in his otherwise more modernistic and animating work; and concluded the first part of the evening with a monumental elaboration of Beethoven's last sonata (op. 111). Especially in the variations of the last movement of the Beethoven he revealed all the mystery hidden in this wonderful texture.

After the interval, the accent was on Chopin, and the rustic humour with which Hautzig rendered a graceful mazurka will be long remembered.

Besides, it casts a strange light on the musical interests of the Tel Aviv public when of the more than 7,000 Tel Avivians who fought for the subscription tickets for the Philharmonic Orchestra — only 30 found it worthwhile to buy tickets for the concert of an unknown American pianist.

Tino Rossi

To listen to Tino Rossi singing into the microphone on the Ohel Shem Hall stage (on Saturday) is similar to listening to the famous voice over the radio — the same, never changing, well-balanced velvet timbre which is just a little too balanced and too velvetish to evoke interest for more than four or five songs. It is a typical microphone voice with a feminine touch; how it may sound without technical amplification nobody can tell.

The other artists of the troupe have a provincial flavour.

Jubilee

The Tel Aviv Chamber Choir will present a performance of Handel's "Acis and Galathea" at the Tel Aviv Ohel Shem Hall on January 9 on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its existence. The Kol Yerushalayim Orchestra will participate, and Lotte Laufer, Karel Salomon and Pinhas Hollaender will be the soloists. Eytan Lustig will be the conductor.

During its activities the choir had to struggle against many vagaries — but it did it courageously, and its performances were always pleasant and occasionally interesting events in the musical life of the country. It is now preparing a performance of Brahms' "Requiem."

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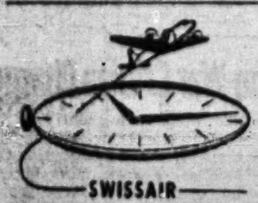

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ITALIAN CONSULATE, Haifa

January 2, 1951.